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## THE HEDGEHOG

CHAMPIONS

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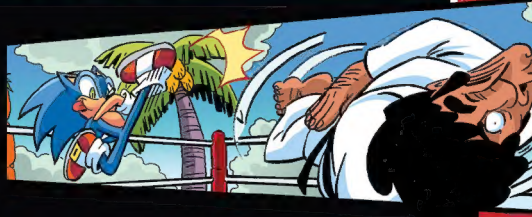
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## THE HEDGEHOG

### PREVIOUSLY...

#### THE FINAL FIGHTS!

Sonic and his friends are on the hunt for the Chaos Emeralds to save the world!



They've entered Breezie's fighting tournament to win the Green Chaos Emerald, but it isn't just a straightforward competition. Dr. Eggman has hired the Hooligans to infiltrate the brackets, and Knuckles has shown up as the wildest of wild cards!



### The tournament now enters its final round of eliminations...



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CASINO PARK,  
EMPIRE CITY...

THE RECENT PAST.\*

ISN'T IT MARVELOUS,  
BREEZIE? A CITY WITH-  
IN A CITY! A NEW  
CAPITAL FOR YOUR  
CASINO EMPIRE!

AND A RATHER  
ELABORATE DEATH-  
TRAP FOR SONIC.

\*JUST BEFORE THE EVENTS  
OF SONIC HEROES --THE GAME

OH-HO-HO!  
WELL, YOU  
KNOW ME...

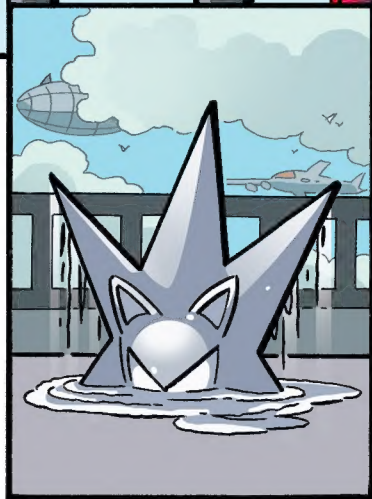
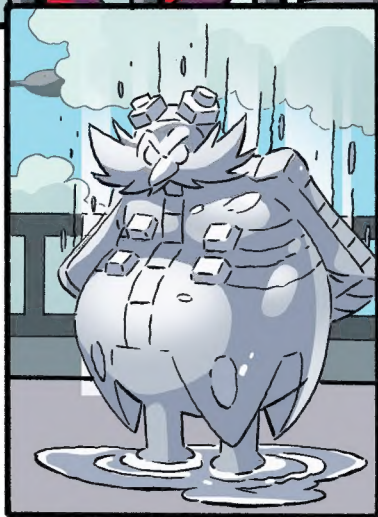
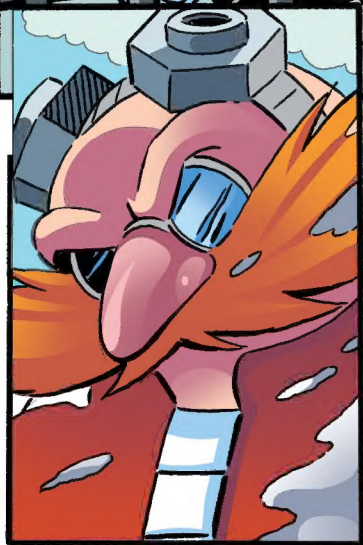
I DO.

YOU FOUND ME  
WHEN I WAS IN A  
BAD PLACE. YOU  
SHOWED ME WHAT  
IT TAKES TO NOT  
JUST GET BY IN  
THIS WORLD, BUT  
TO SUCCEED--TO  
*CONQUER...*

...WHICH IS WHY I  
KNOW YOU'RE *NOT* THE  
REAL EGGMAN.

WH-WHAT?!!  
HOW DARE  
YOU! I--!

PLEASE.  
I'M CALLING YOUR  
BLUFF.








HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN?

SINCE THE BEGINNING. THERE'S NO WAY THE REAL DOCTOR WOULD BE SO GENEROUS IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS.



IF YOU TRY TO WARN SONIC OR ANYONE ELSE--



AND *WHY* WOULD I DO THAT? IT'S LIKE YOU SAID--I'M GETTING A NEW CAPITAL FOR MY ECONOMIC EMPIRE.

WE'RE NOT SO DIFFERENT, METAL SONIC...

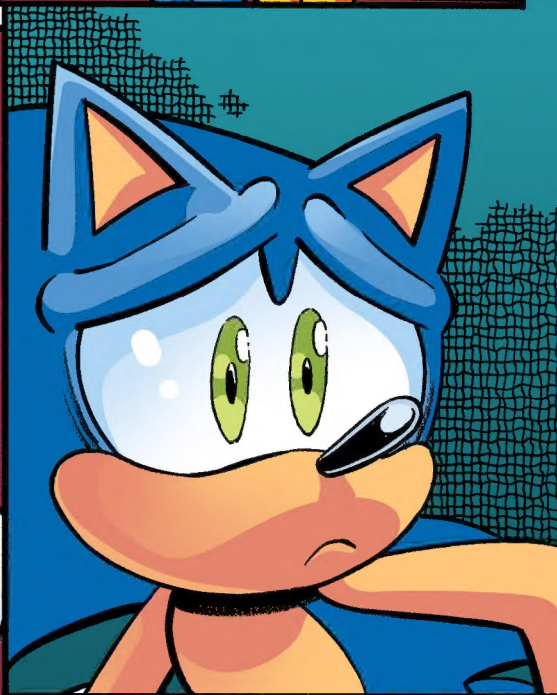
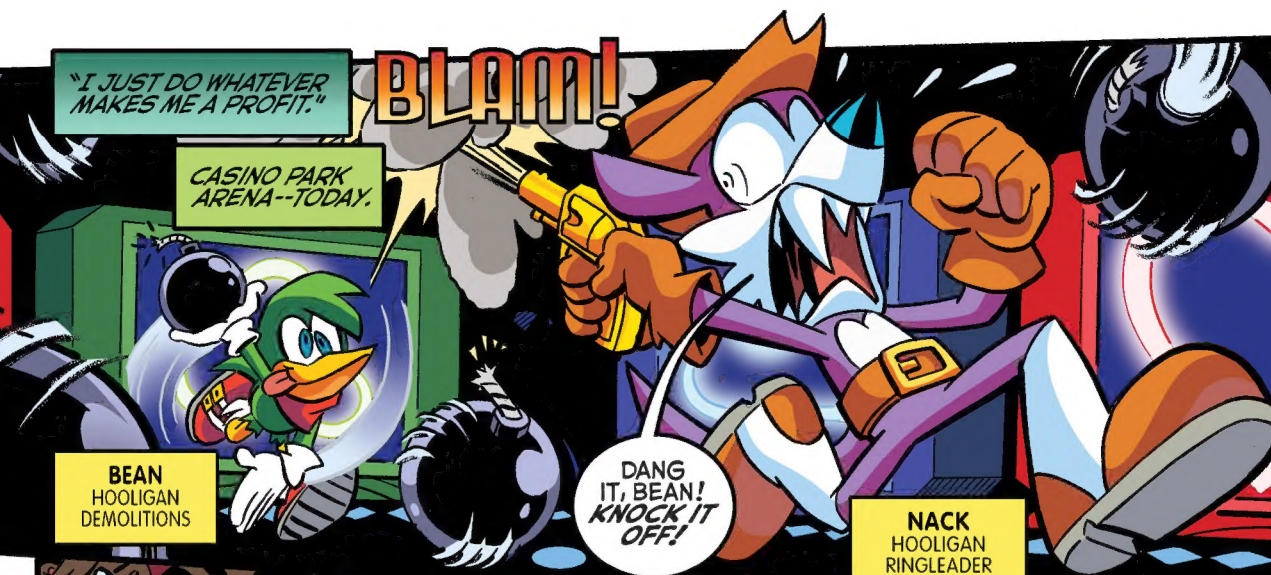
NEO METAL SONIC.

OOOH! SEE? YOU'RE BRANCHING OUT FROM THE DOCTOR, BECOMING YOUR OWN MAN WITH YOUR OWN AGENDA.

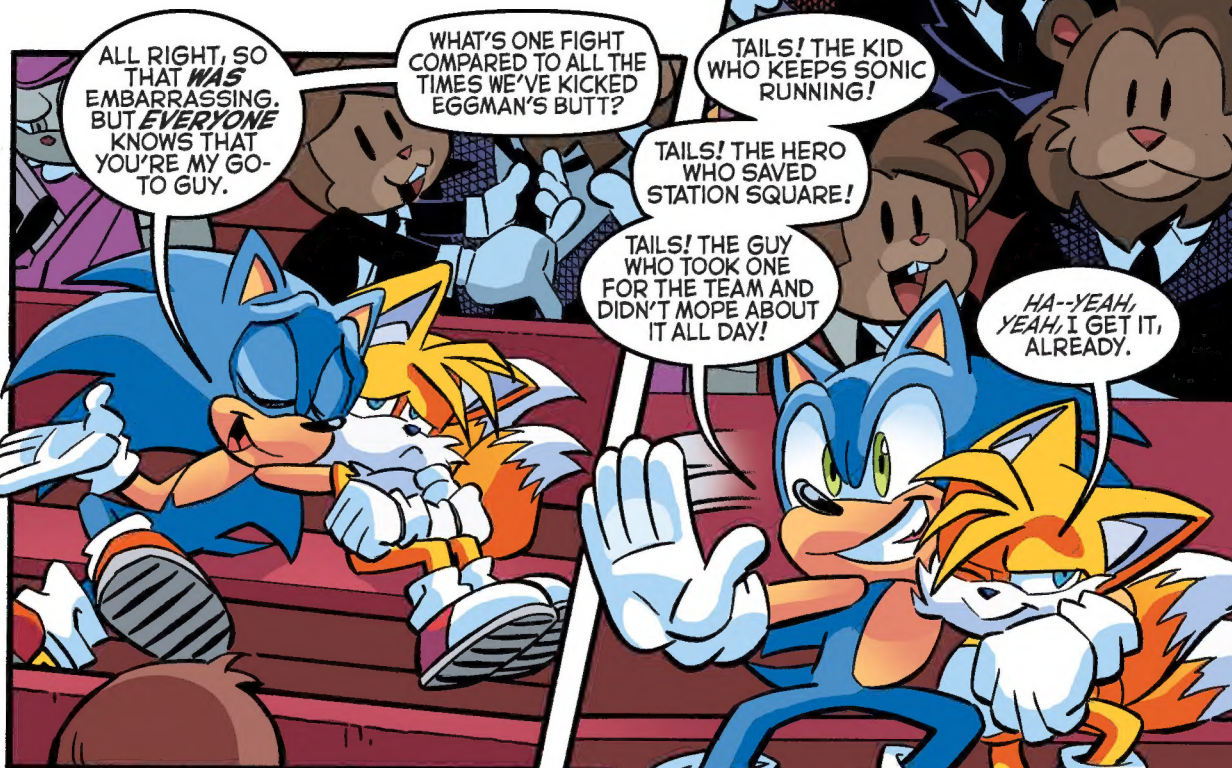
YOUR BUSINESS WITH SONIC IS JUST THAT--*YOUR* BUSINESS.

HERO, VILLAIN--I DON'T TAKE SIDES.









ALL RIGHT, SO THAT *WAS* EMBARRASSING. BUT *EVERYONE* KNOWS THAT YOU'RE MY GO-TO GUY.

WHAT'S ONE FIGHT COMPARED TO ALL THE TIMES WE'VE KICKED EGGMAN'S BUTT?

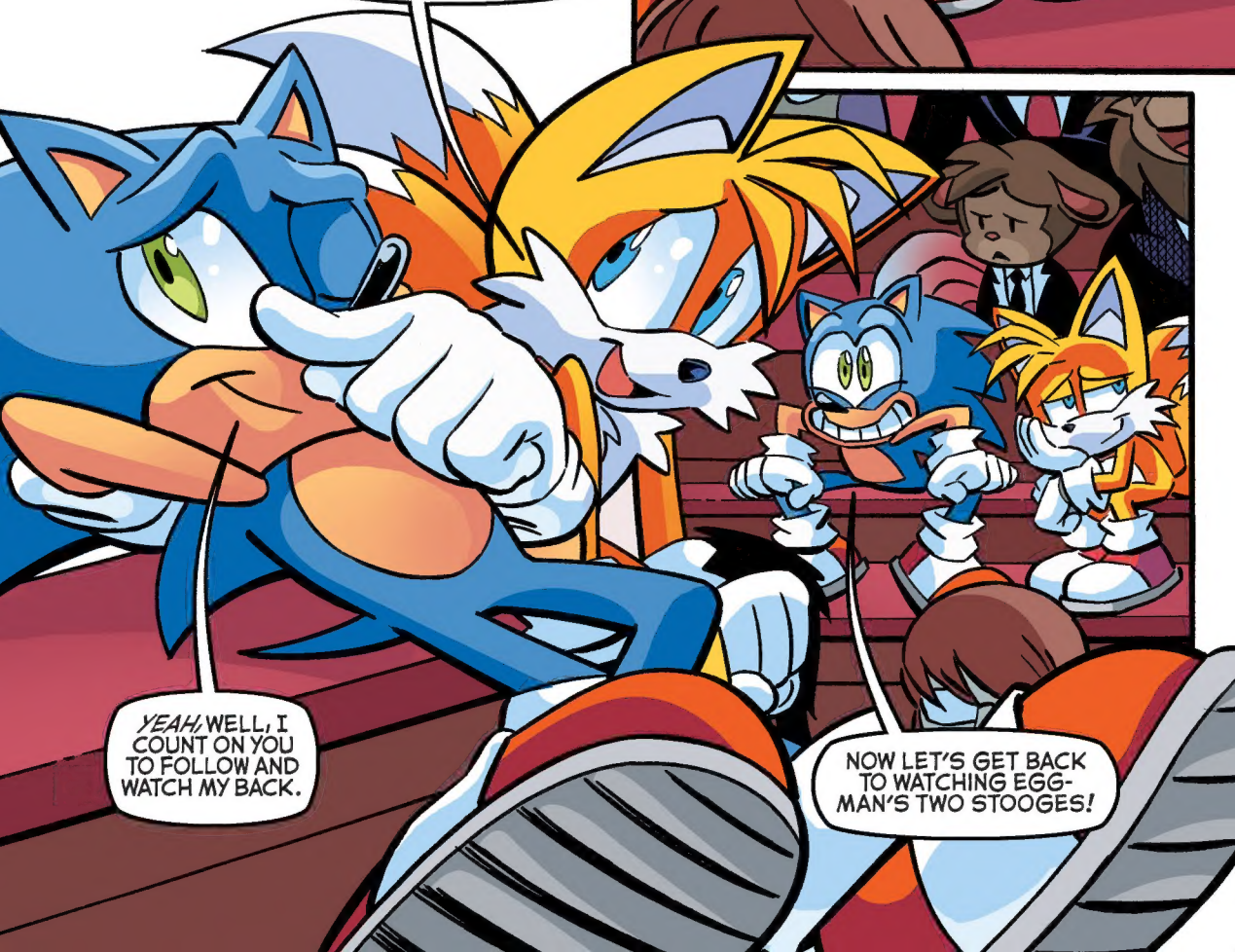
TAILS! THE KID WHO KEEPS SONIC RUNNING!

TAILS! THE HERO WHO SAVED STATION SQUARE!

TAILS! THE GUY WHO TOOK ONE FOR THE TEAM AND DIDN'T MOPE ABOUT IT ALL DAY!

HA--YEAH, YEAH, I GET IT, ALREADY.

THANKS, SONIC. I JUST FEEL LIKE I'VE GOTTA PROVE MYSELF SOMETIMES. YOU'RE A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW.



YEAH, WELL, I COUNT ON YOU TO FOLLOW AND WATCH MY BACK.

NOW LET'S GET BACK TO WATCHING EGGMAN'S TWO STOOGES!





I'M  
HEAD OF THIS  
GANG!

I'M *ORDERING*  
YOU TO TAKE A  
DIVE FOR ME!



GRNK!



WAIT...  
WHAT EVENT IS  
THIS?

HEYYY...

...THAT  
*PLUMBER*  
LIED TO  
ME!



"YOU CAN USE YOUR  
BLASTER THIS ROUND,"  
BREEZIE SAID.

"SPECIAL  
CONDITIONS, JUST  
FOR *YOU*," SHE  
SAID.

"WE'RE ALL FRIENDS OF  
EGGMAN," SHE SAID!

THAT  
LYING,  
BACK-  
STABBING  
--SHE  
SET ME  
UP!



NYRRRRROW!  
LOOK! I'M AN AIR-  
PLANE! I'M--!



HABA--OW! THAT WAS  
AWESOME! LET'S--!

YOU'RE  
UNCONSCIOUS  
NOW!

OKAY! BLEH!







THE WINNER BY  
A KNOCK-OUT--  
**NACK!**

YO, ES!  
SATISFIED THAT  
BEAN GOT  
BUMPED?

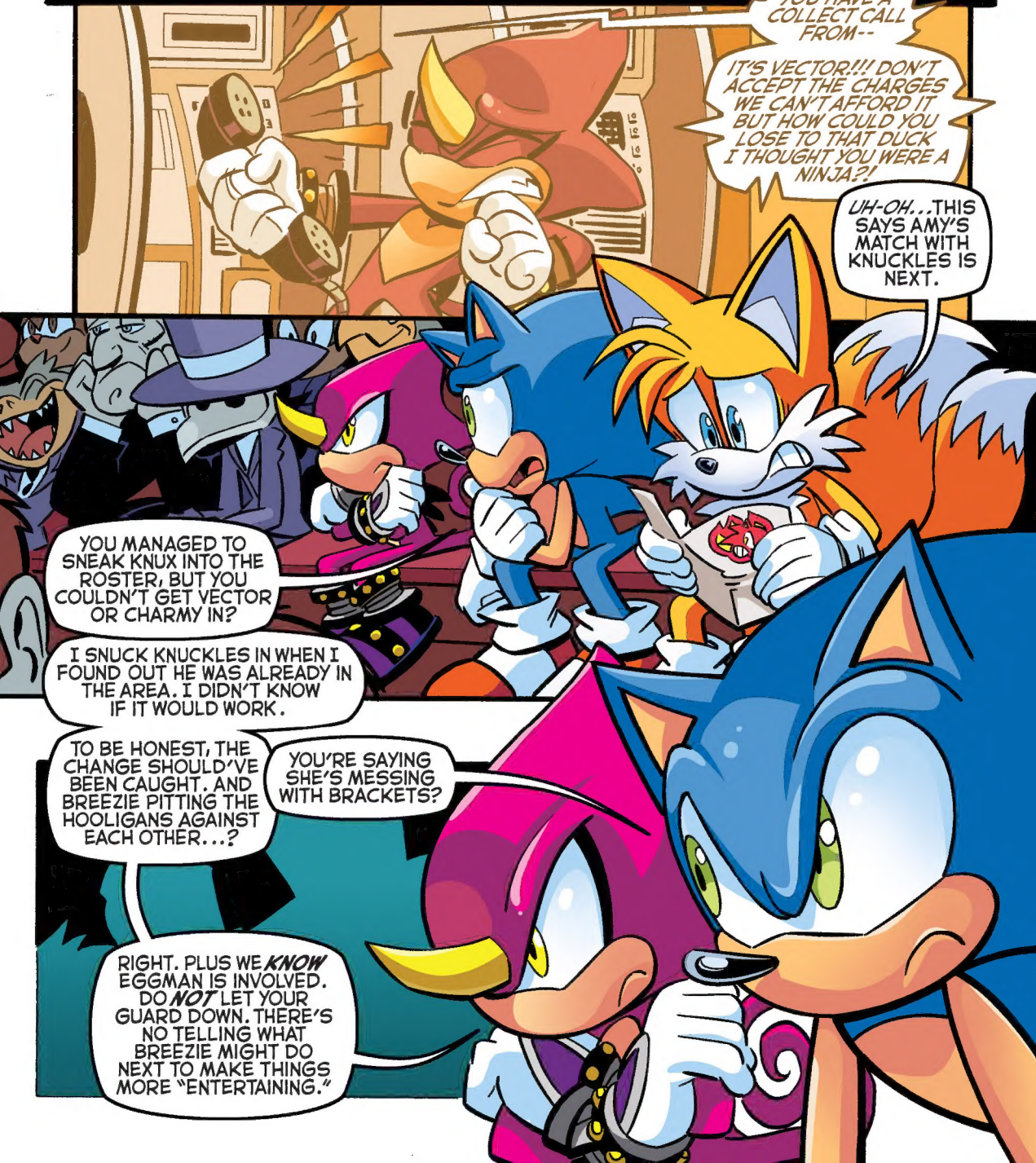
NOT  
ESPECIALLY.

ESPIO  
CHAOTIX  
NINJA

YOU HAVE A  
COLLECT CALL  
FROM--

IT'S VECTOR!!! DON'T  
ACCEPT THE CHARGES  
WE CAN'T AFFORD IT  
BUT HOW COULD YOU  
LOSE TO THAT DUCK  
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A  
NINJA?!

UH-OH...THIS  
SAYS AMY'S  
MATCH WITH  
KNUCKLES IS  
NEXT.



YOU MANAGED TO  
SNEAK KNUX INTO THE  
ROSTER, BUT YOU  
COULDN'T GET VECTOR  
OR CHARMY IN?

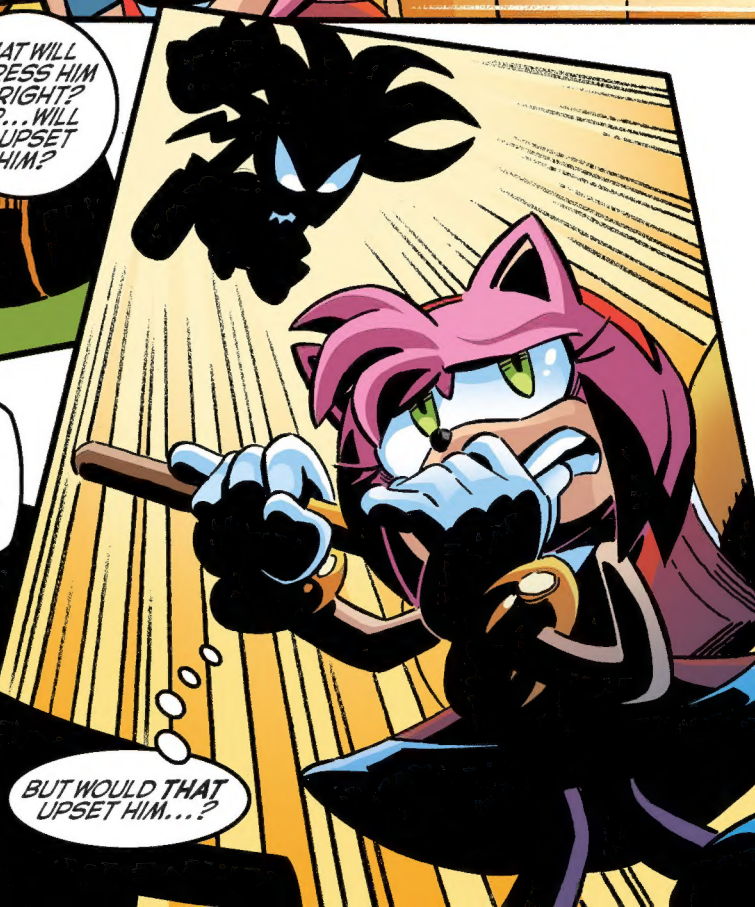
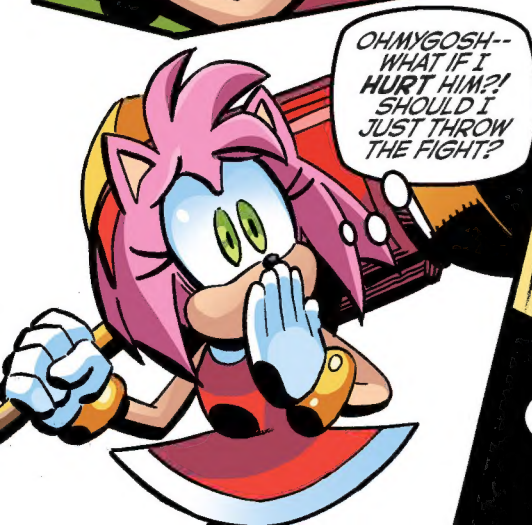
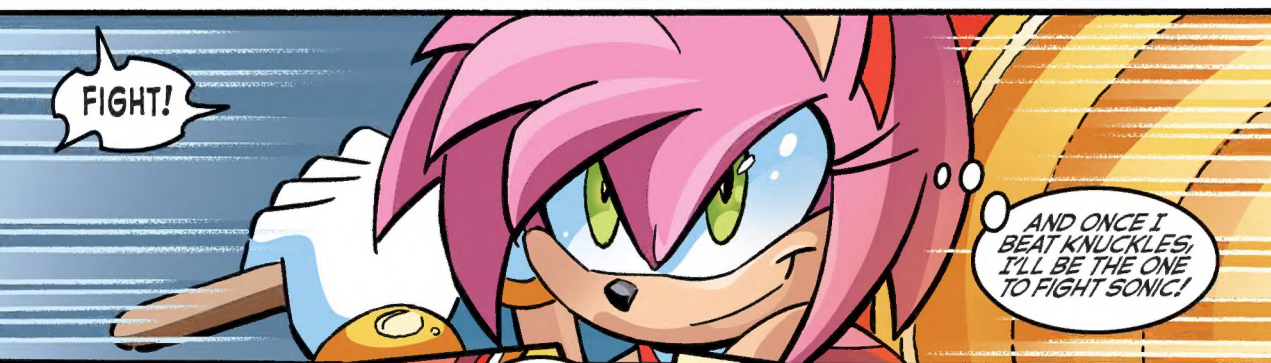
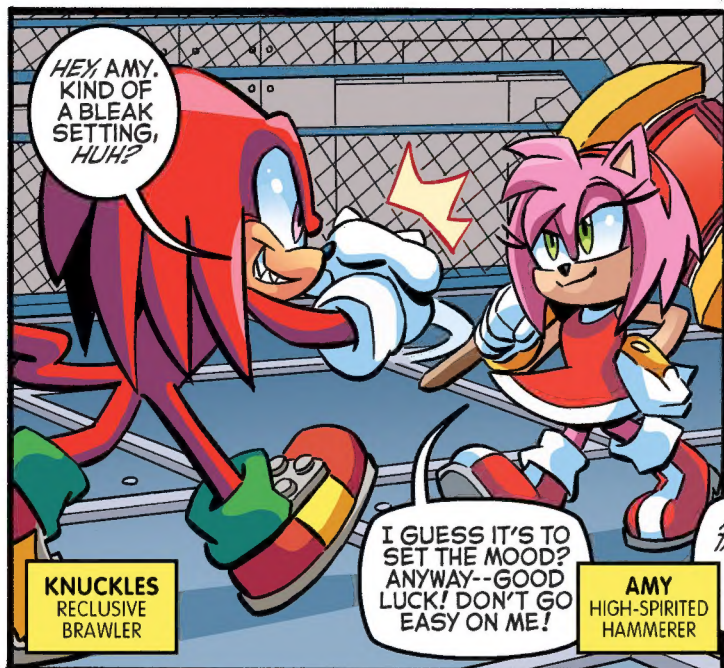
I SNUCK KNUCKLES IN WHEN I  
FOUND OUT HE WAS ALREADY IN  
THE AREA. I DIDN'T KNOW  
IF IT WOULD WORK.

TO BE HONEST, THE  
CHANGE SHOULD'VE  
BEEN CAUGHT. AND  
BREEZIE PITTING THE  
HOOLIGANS AGAINST  
EACH OTHER...?

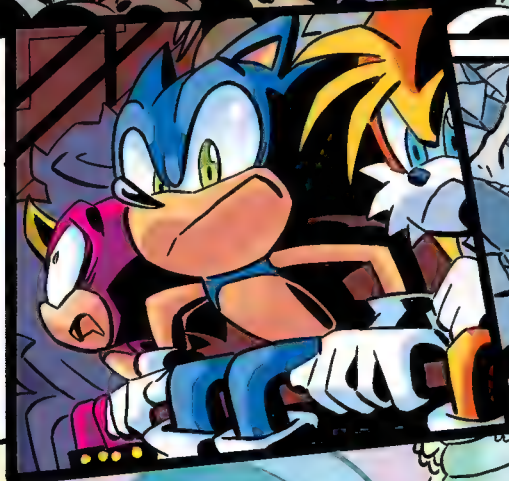
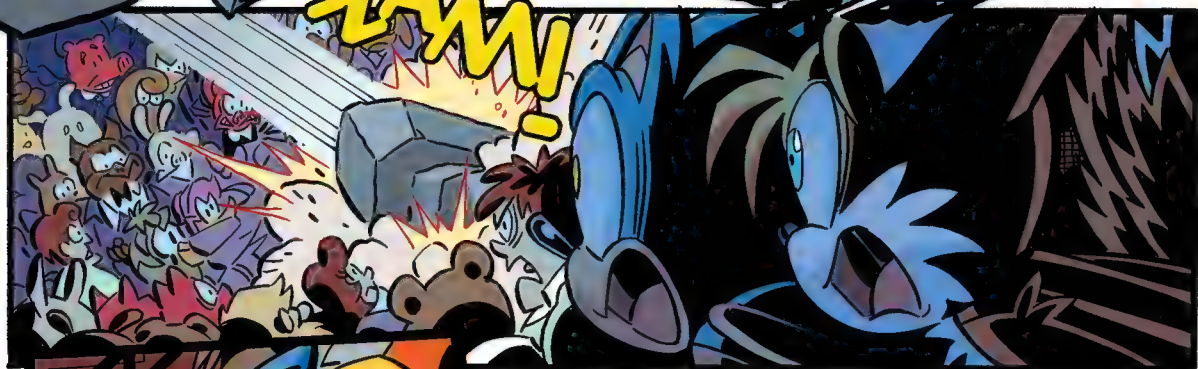
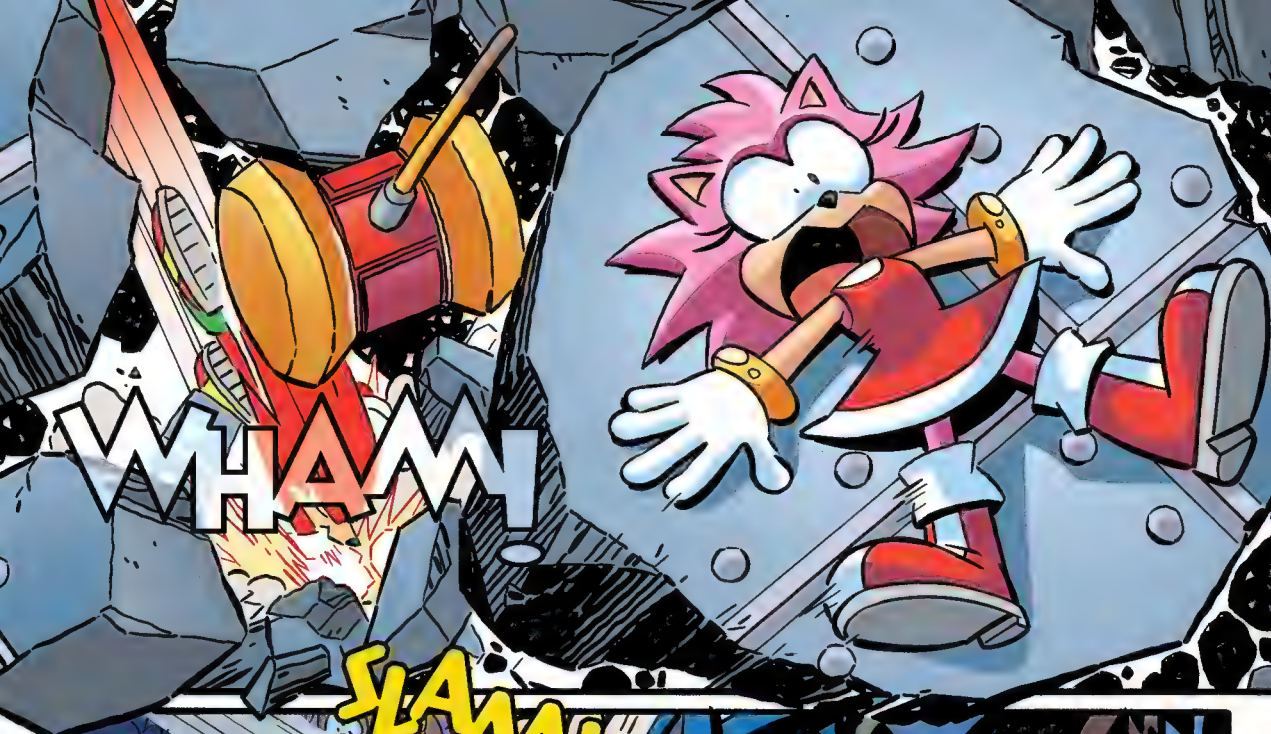
YOU'RE SAYING  
SHE'S MESSING  
WITH BRACKETS?

RIGHT. PLUS WE *KNOW*  
EGGMAN IS INVOLVED.  
DO *NOT* LET YOUR  
GUARD DOWN. THERE'S  
NO TELLING WHAT  
BREEZIE MIGHT DO  
NEXT TO MAKE THINGS  
MORE "ENTERTAINING."

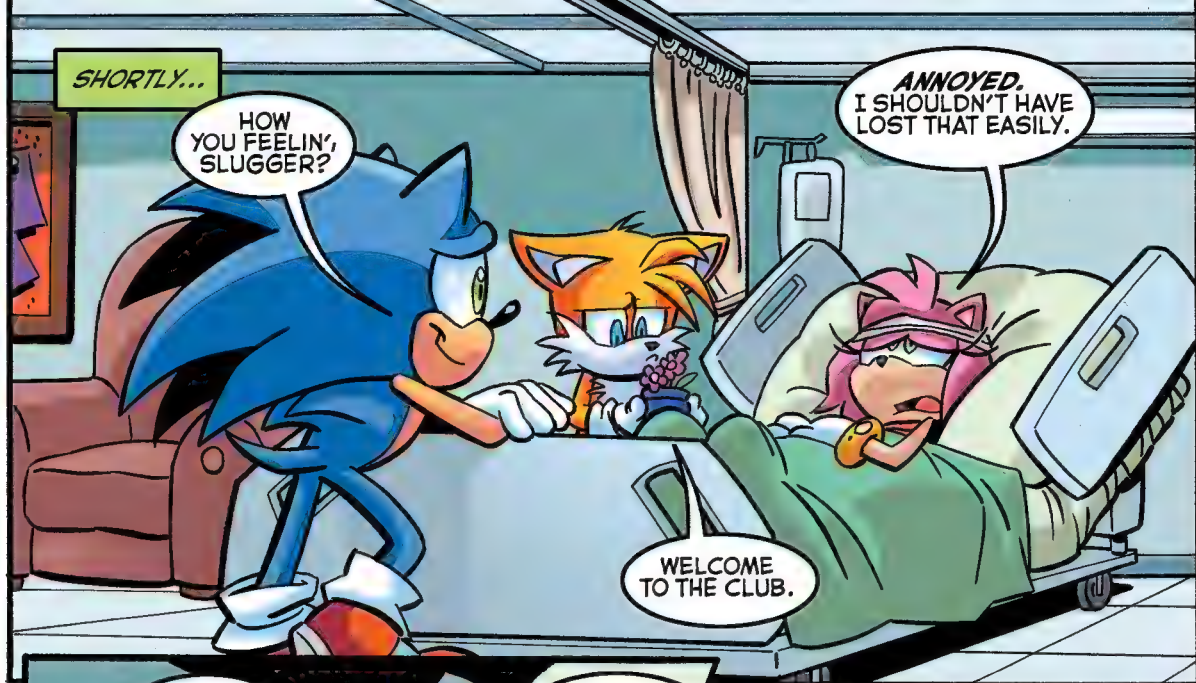














READY  
TO RUMBLE,  
LADY?

READY  
TO WIN?

HONEY  
FASHIONABLE  
FIGHTER

YOU'RE  
GIVING  
UP?

LISTEN, I DON'T THINK I  
REALIZED HOW *SERIOUS*  
THIS WAS AT THE START.  
EGGMAN SENDING IN  
MERCENARIES? BREEZIE  
OBVIOUSLY MANIPULATING  
THE FIGHTS?

I CAME HERE FOR  
SELF-PROMOTION. YOU  
CAME HERE TO *SAVE*  
THE WORLD!

YOU NEED TO  
BE IN THAT FINAL  
ROUND. YOU NEED  
TO WIN THAT  
EMERALD.

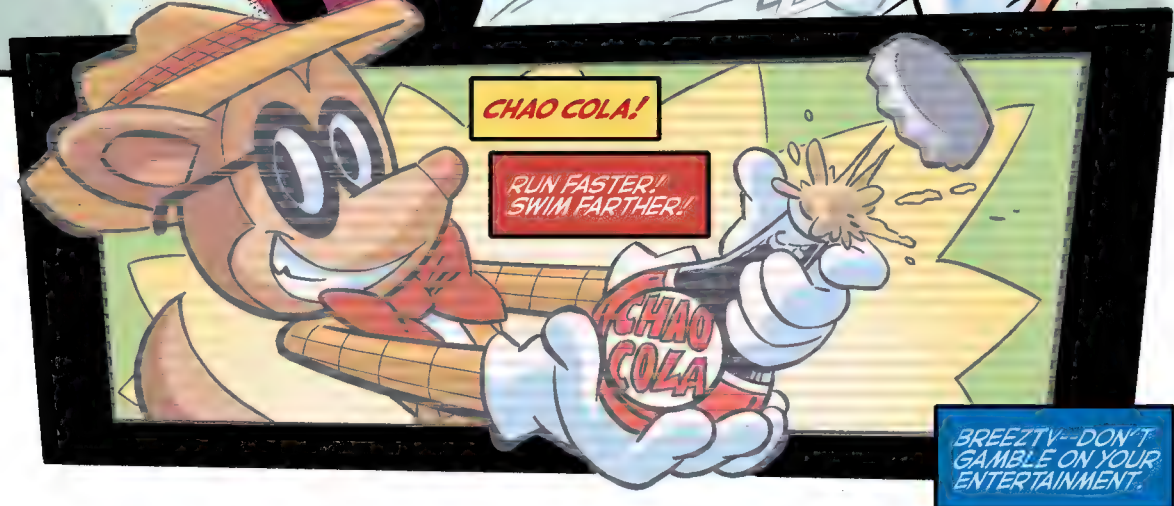
THANKS. BUT  
WE STILL HAVE  
TO GIVE THE  
PEOPLE A SHOW,  
RIGHT?

OH--

--ABSOLUTELY!

WHAM!





BREEZTV--DON'T  
GAMBLE ON YOUR  
ENTERTAINMENT.

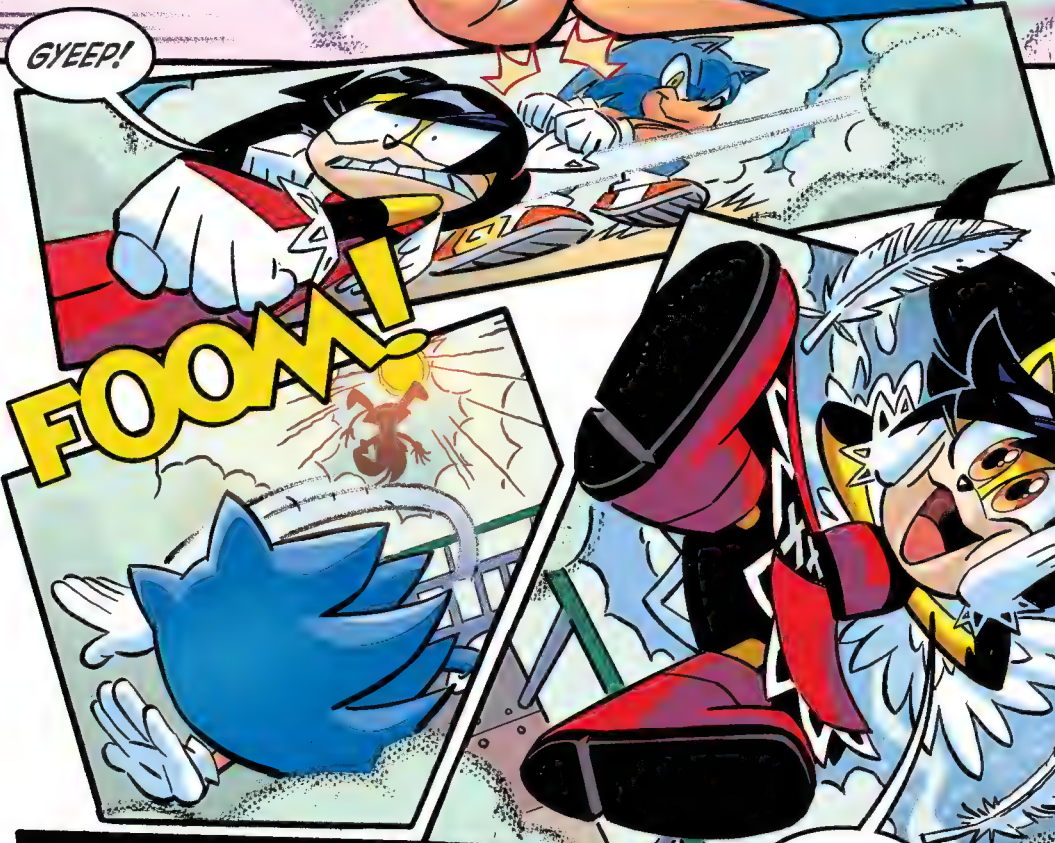


WOOOSH!



YOU  
ALREADY  
PULLED THAT  
TRICK ON  
TAILS...

GYEEP!



THAT WAS  
SO COOL!

CHAO BOOM!

NEW  
EPISODES  
EVERY  
SATURDAY  
@ 6:00!

BREEZTY--MORE  
OF WHAT YOU  
WANT.



AND NOW A WORD  
FROM OUR SPONSOR...

FROM HUMBLE  
BEGINNINGS...



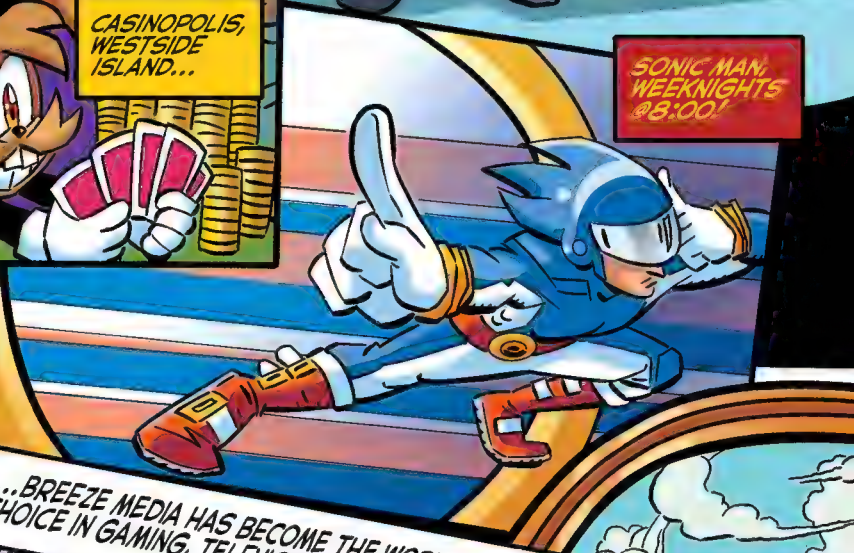
...TO BEING ON  
TOP OF THE  
WORLD...



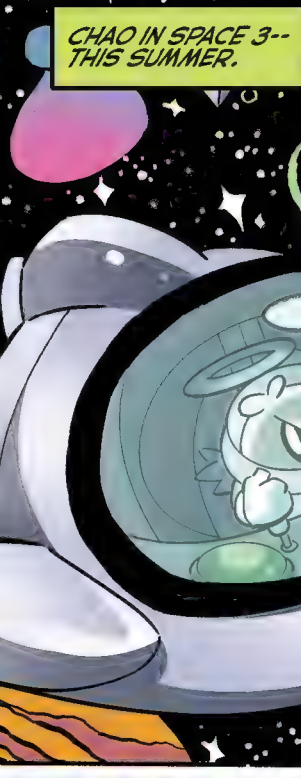
CASINOPOLIS,  
WESTSIDE  
ISLAND...



SONIC MAN,  
WEEKNIGHTS  
@8:00!



CHAO IN SPACE 3--  
THIS SUMMER.



...BREEZE MEDIA HAS BECOME THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE  
CHOICE IN GAMING, TELEVISION AND MOVIE ENTERTAINMENT!

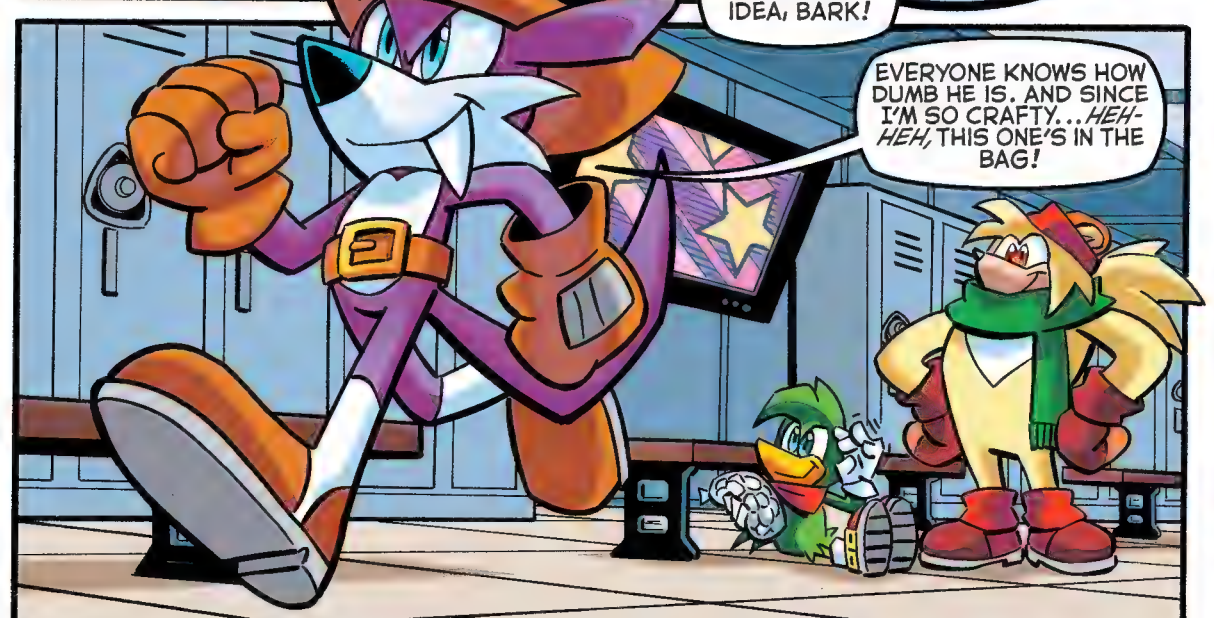


JACKPOT

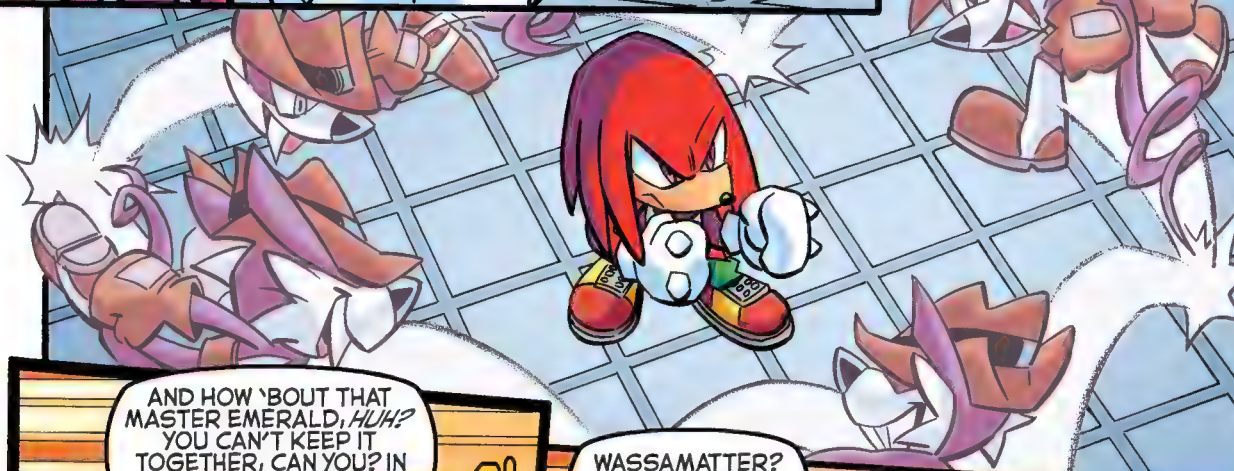
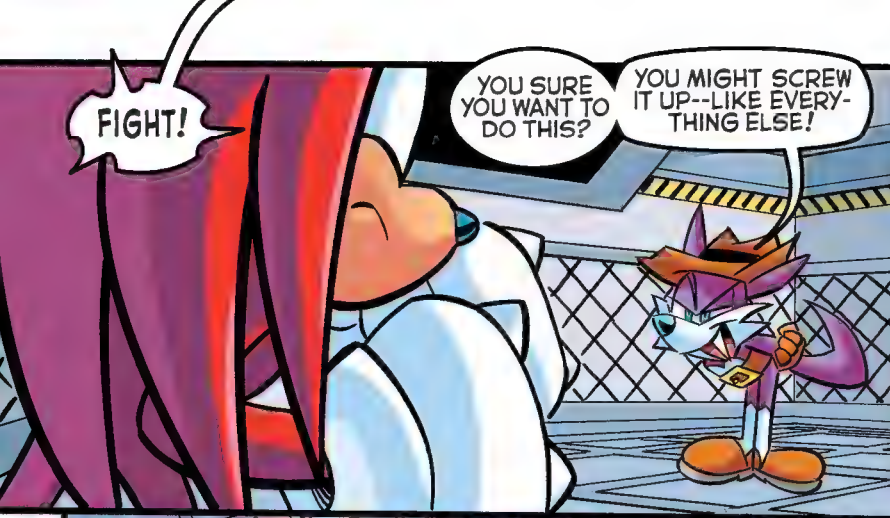
WITH BREEZE MEDIA,  
EVERYBODY CAN BE A  
WINNER!™

















THE DEATH EGG...

TYPICAL! THEY CAN  
HANDLE ANY JOB I  
THROW AT THEM  
EXCEPT WHEN  
SONIC'S INVOLVED!

OBJECT ???  
FOUND

you're  
a real  
mess...  
NOWHERE  
WE R.

HE DOES  
SEEM TO  
MAKE A  
MESS OF  
YOUR PLANS,  
BOSS.

I PLAYED BY  
BREEZIE'S RULES  
UP TO THIS POINT.  
NOW WE'RE DOING  
THINGS *MY* WAY!

I THOUGHT  
THAT STARTED  
WHEN YOU  
PIRATED HER  
PAY-PER-VIEW  
CHANNEL?

OH, I LOVE THAT  
DUCK! HE'S SO  
FUNNY!

REALLY?  
I FIND HIM  
TIRESOME.

YOU'VE COME A LONG  
WAY, BREEZIE. BUT JUST  
BECAUSE YOU RODE MY  
COATTAILS TO SUCCESS  
DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE  
IN MY LEAGUE.

METAL SONIC!  
WHAT'S YOUR  
E.T.A.?

ONE HOUR.

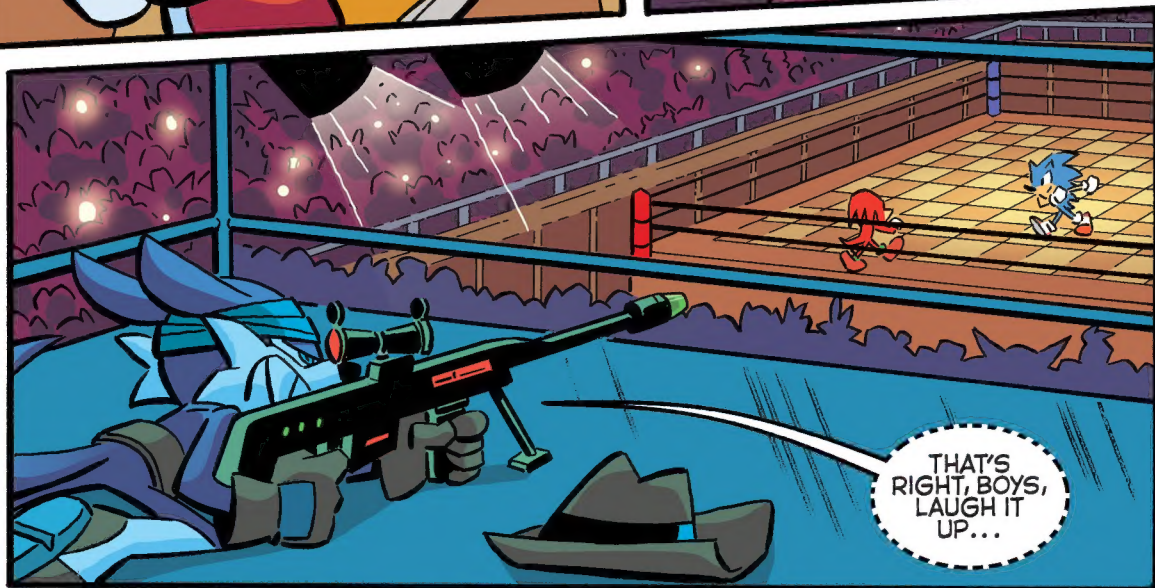
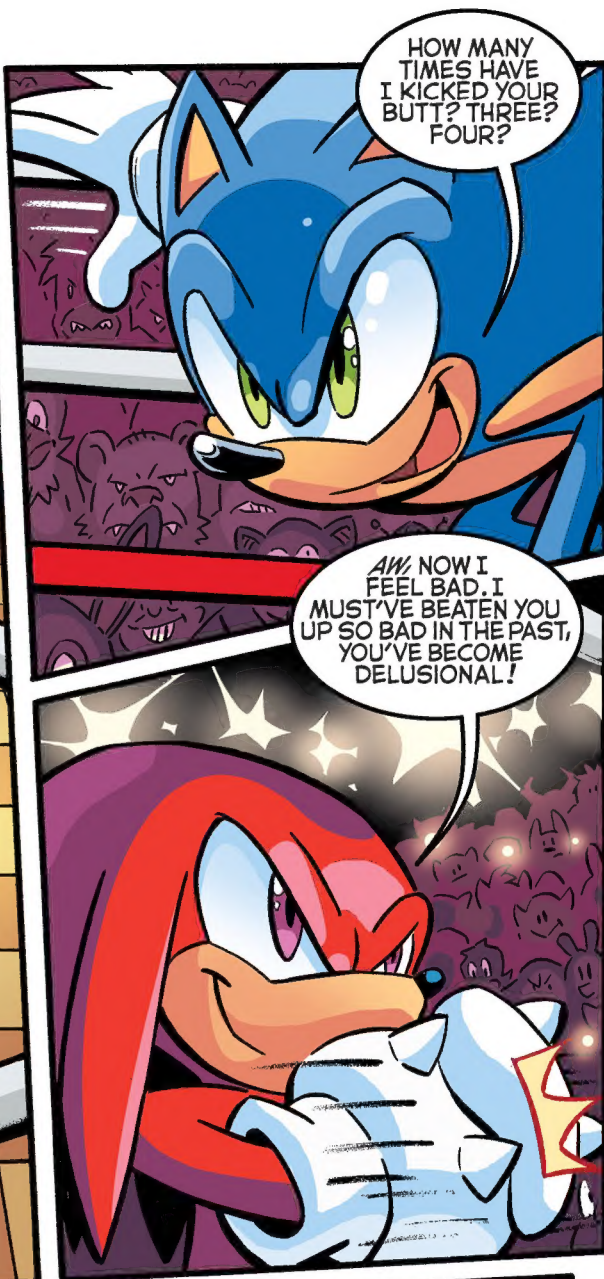
PERFECT!

BEAN--ONCE NACK  
IS ON HIS FEET, YOU  
THREE GET INTO  
POSITION FOR THE  
BACK-UP PLAN!

RIGHT-  
A-ROONEY,  
LOONEY  
TOONEY!

LOOKS LIKE  
I'LL HAVE TO  
TEACH YOU ONE  
LAST LESSON.



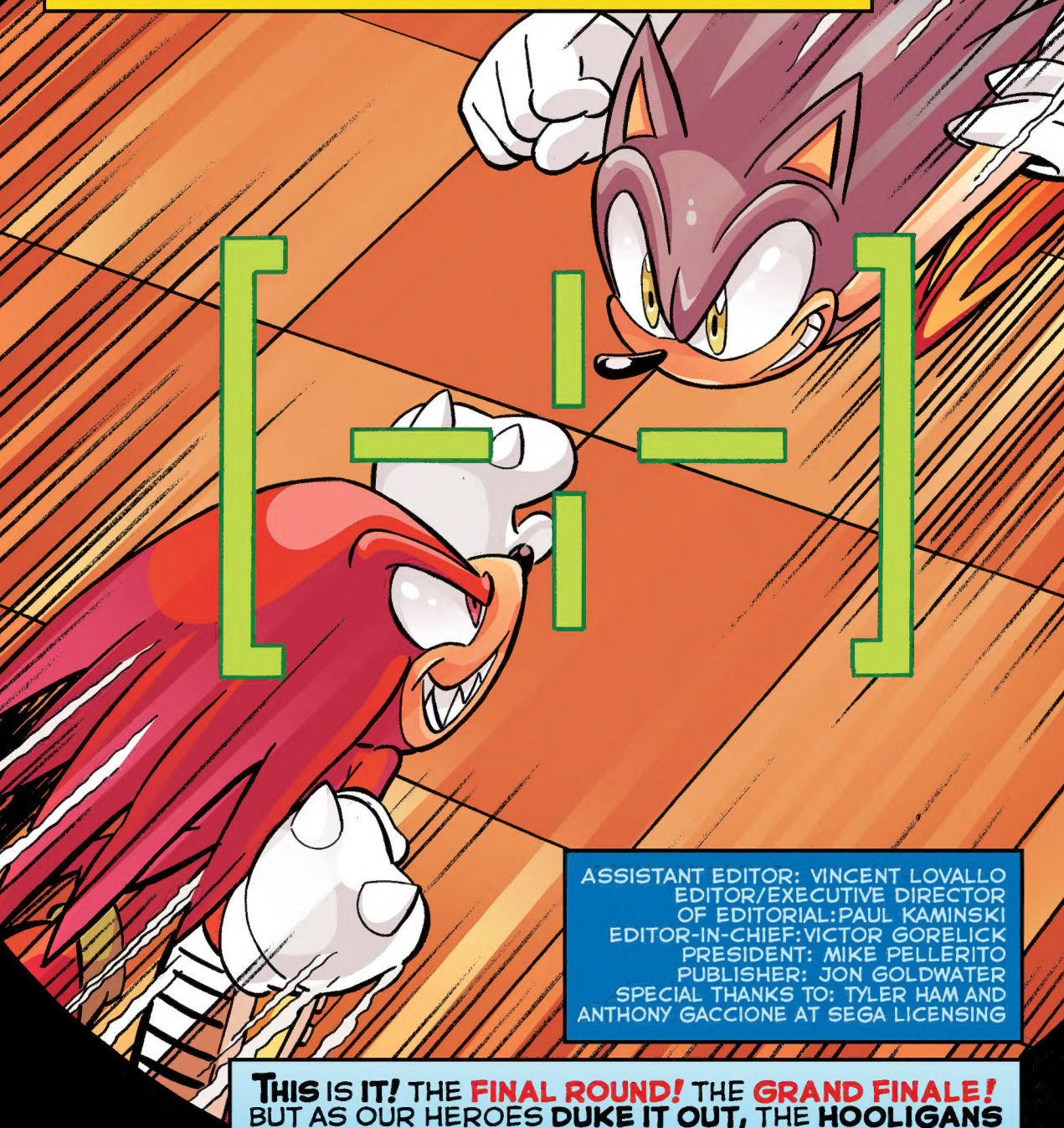




# CHAMPIONS

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**THIS IS IT! THE FINAL ROUND! THE GRAND FINALE!**  
BUT AS OUR HEROES DUKE IT OUT, THE HOOLIGANS  
AND METAL SONIC PREPARE TO STRIKE!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC UNIVERSE, THE  
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THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY! PLUS THERE'S THE ALL-NEW  
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# SONIC BOOM!





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OR TWEET AT US USING #SONICGRAMS!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'

I loved Sonic when I was a kid. I played the games, watched the shows and read the comic. I read the recent issue #268 and I see you have brought Scratch, Grounder, Coconuts and even Breezie from the *Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog* show. The issue also has Honey the Cat mention her "Dream-casters" clothing line. I used to own the Sega Dreamcast. I'm amazed how much Sonic (and Sega) nostalgic Easter Eggs are in the comic series. Thank you very much.

Andrew R. sent to  
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

*Thanks for the letter, Andrew!  
I'm glad you're enjoying the new  
storyline and revived characters!  
We're big fans of all things Sonic  
as well! Our master scribe, Ian  
Flynn, is a Sonic expert and has  
managed to cleverly incorporate  
the more obscure characters that  
fans love into the comic universe  
for all to enjoy.*

Dear Sonic grams,  
HELLO ARCHIE SONIC  
PEOPLE!!!!

HEY ARCHIE SONIC FAN!!!

You guys are THE AWESOMEST!  
I will have the usual!

**YOU SHALL HAV-- Oh, you said it  
already. Dang!**

First of all, is Chip ever going to  
meet Sonic the Werehog and will  
Sonic turn into a Werehog and  
scare everyone?

**Maaybe...**

Third, is Honey good or no?

**Honey can be a bit crazy,  
especially when it comes to  
fighting and fashion. She's  
competitive and sneaky, but she's  
sure to do the right thing, at least,  
we THINK so...**

Lastly, when Nack shoved Bean  
and Bark back when he saw the  
Freedom Fighters, was he startled  
that Sonic was there, or was he  
scared of Amy? Tell Tracy Yardley  
and Ian Flynn to PLEASE make  
more AWESOME stories like that!

Grace B. sent to  
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

**Thanks, Grace! Nack was  
surprised to see Sonic and crew  
and wanted to keep a low profile  
before the tournament!**

**See y'all next time for  
the chaotic conclusion  
to "Champions"!**

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